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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Honorable Richard Shelby  
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509 Hart Building  
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Dear Senator Shelby:

This responds to your letter of September 24, 1993, addressing the 2 GHz Personal Communications Services (PCS) proceeding, GEN Docket No. 90-314. Your constituent, Linda Carter, District Manager of TDS Telecom, expresses concern that the Commission might limit or preclude exchange carriers from offering PCS.

On September 23, 1993, the Commission adopted final rules to govern PCS. The Commission allocated 120 megahertz of spectrum for licensed PCS and permitted non-cellular PCS licensees to aggregate up to 40 megahertz of spectrum. Licensees will be restricted to 10 megahertz in any PCS service area in which they own twenty or more percent of the stock in a cellular company, if the cellular company serves 10 or more percent of the population of the PCS service area. Local exchange carriers are permitted to apply for PCS licenses on the same basis as other applicants, except insofar as they hold interests in cellular operations. In a companion Notice of Proposed Rule Making, implementing competitive bidding authority, [REDACTED] the Commission proposed licensing preferences in one 20 megahertz and one 10 megahertz frequency block for rural telephone companies, small businesses, and businesses owned by minorities and women.

The Commission's decisions addressing PCS are designed to foster competition among PCS providers and between PCS providers and cellular radio operators and to promote diversity in the provision of PCS. I am attaching the press releases for the dockets addressed above that more fully describe the Commission's actions.

Sincerely,

*Thomas P. Stanley*

Thomas P. Stanley  
Chief Engineer

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Dear Director:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I received from Ms. Linda Carter.

Any information you may have regarding this matter would be appreciated in order that I may be able to respond to my constituent's inquiry. PLEASE REPLY, IN DUPLICATE, TO THE ATTENTION OF MY STAFF MEMBER, TOOF BROWN, USING THE NAME OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED CONSTITUENT IN YOUR CORRESPONDENCE.

Thank you for your prompt assistance to this matter.

Sincerely,

*Richard Shelby*

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August 24, 1993

The Honorable Richard C. Shelby  
United States Senate  
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Dear Senator Shelby:

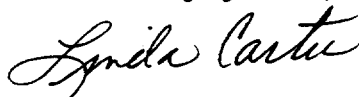
This is reference to the Federal Communications Commission proposed action to either preclude exchange carriers from offering PCS/PCN or handicapping the companies if they are eligible for PCS licenses.

Much of the local distribution network for PCS is in place within the exchange carrier's serving area. With exchange carrier's participation we can increase and complement utilization of the local network infrastructure, thereby increasing its efficiency.

With PSC in place this will help us achieve the Commission's and the exchange carrier's universal service obligations, and at the same time provide and incentive for us to give customers the greatest efficiencies and benefits from our existing and developing network infrastructure.

Thank you for your help in this important matter.

Sincerely yours,



Linda Carter  
District Manager